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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Navy Hood Canal Easement
Date: Monday, November 16, 2015 16:07:13

I talked to my Full Committee and they assure me they are aware of Navy and the Armed Services Committee's opposition, and have all the info they need. I would note that my Subcommittee Chairman was not made a conferee on the bill. If your folks are pressuring you to meet with someone, I'm glad to meet with them. Feel free to give me a call.

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Original Message

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(b) Any more insight on who I can reach out to on the Full Committee? V/r (b) (6)

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Hi, (b) (6) --

As you know my Subcommittee Chairman offered the amendment, but the version of the amendment which was adopted does not trigger my Subcommittee's jurisdiction. Therefore, I will not be involved in the conference negotiations on this amendment. The Armed Services Committee has shared the position paper with me, and their opposition. I will ask my Full Committee tomorrow who you should contact.

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> On Nov 14, 2015, at 8:41 AM, (b) (6) CDR OLA, LA-63 (b) (6)@navy mil> wrote:

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> Hello from Navy Legislative Affairs.

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> A house amendment (attached) to the Highway Bill (HR 22) unfortunately passed the house floor by a voice vote. This would override an easement that Navy considers essential to national security. We want to reach out directly so you know Navy's position as the matter heads to conference.

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> In short, the Navy has an easement over aquatic bedlands located in the Hood Canal in Washington State to protect from encroaching development which would impact mission readiness and security. The easement protects unmatched acoustic characteristics of the Dabob Bay Range Complex which are vital to the operational and research development testing and evaluation missions of multiple commands at Naval Base Kitsap. Also, the easement maintains security requirements essential to the safe operation of our SSBN force.

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> I've attached a Navy position paper which was produced in response to a near identical amendment in play on the Coast Guard Authorization Bill that ultimately did not come to fruition.

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> Of note, a commercial developer challenged the legality of the easement in federal district court, and the Navy recently prevailed on a motion to dismiss, but the case is now on appeal in the Ninth Circuit.

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> Going forward, who else do you recommend I contact on the T & I full committee staff? It may be prudent to set up a meeting or call with the staff directors and senior Navy leadership. I welcome your thoughts.

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> V/r (b)

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